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ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

Note by the Secretariat

Allocation of items

1. The agenda items allocated by the General Assembly to the Second Committee are listed in the letter dated 24 September 1993 from the President of the Assembly to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/C.2/48/1). Background information on those items may be found in the annotations to the agenda (A/48/100).

Programme of work

2. The draft programme of work (see annex) has been prepared bearing in mind paragraph (b) of rule 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, the organizational arrangements agreed upon by the Assembly at the outset of its current session (A/48/250 and Add.1), and the availability of documentation. The number of meetings suggested for the general discussion of the agenda items allocated to the Second Committee is based on past experience and takes into account the measures announced by the Secretary-General in his address to the 71st meeting of the Fifth Committee (see document A/C.5/47/SR.71), on 26 August 1993, regarding the current financial situation of the United Nations and the need to introduce certain measures affecting conference services.

List of documents

3. Attention is drawn to the list of documents submitted under the various agenda items allocated to the Second Committee, which will be issued in an addendum to the present document (A/C.2/48/L.1/Add.1). The draft programme of work should be read in conjunction with the list of documents in order to obtain a full picture of the scope of the Committee's work programme.

Length of statements

4. In recent years, the Second Committee decided to limit statements on all agenda items, with the exception of the general debate, to 10 minutes and to limit statements during the general debate to 15 minutes. In view of the reduced number of meetings available to the Committee during the session, it is suggested that the time-limit on general debate statements be set at 10 minutes and statements on agenda items at 5 minutes.

Conference facilities and meetings arrangements

5. Taking into account the availability of conference services for the Main Committees of the General Assembly, an average of six formal meetings a week have been scheduled for the Second Committee. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will be held at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. In this connection, the General Assembly decided to remind delegations that punctuality is of the utmost importance in the interest of ensuring an effective and orderly organization of work and achieving economies for the United Nations. As decided by the General Assembly, the requirement of the presence of at least one quarter of the members of the Committee to declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed has been waived.

Informal consultations

6. In view of the financial measures affecting conference services mentioned in paragraph 2 above, there will be little possibility of servicing informal consultations or working groups, or meetings of regional or other groups of Member States. As a result, as indicated in the programme of work, some of the formal meetings allocated to the Second Committee will be utilized for informal consultations.

Report of the Economic and Social Council

7. The Committee is reminded that, in accordance with a decision of the General Assembly, chapters of the report of the Economic and Social Council are to be considered in company with other agenda items, as well as under item 12. The list of documentation contains further information on this procedure (see para. 3 above).

Conclusion of the work of the Committee

8. Bearing in mind the allocation of the number of meetings available to the Second Committee, it is proposed that the Second Committee set a target date of 10 December for the conclusion of its work. In view of the decreased availability of services, it is highly unlikely that services can be counted on after this date.

ANNEX

Draft programme of work of the Second Committee

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Week of 27 September-1 October			
Wednesday, 29 September	a.m.	Election of two Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur Organization of work	
Week of 4-8 October			
Friday, 8 October	a.m. and p.m.	General debate 6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers in the general debate	
Week of 11-15 October			
Monday, 11 October	a.m. and p.m.	General debate (continued)	
Tuesday, 12 October	p.m.	General debate (concluded)	
Wednesday, 13 October	a.m.	Item 91: a/ (Part I) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 91 - Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of the recent evolution of the economies in transition on the growth of the world economy, in particular on the economic growth and development of the developing countries as well as on international economic cooperation - Report of the Secretary-General on economic stabilization programmes in developing countries - Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the South Commission	

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		Item 91: Development and international economic cooperation:	
		(j) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy	
		Item 97: International conference on the financing of development	
		Introductory statements and general discussion	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 91 (Part I) and (j), and 97	
	p.m.	Item 91: (Part I) and (j)	
		Item 97: General discussion (concluded)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 92	
Thursday, 14 October	a.m.	Item 92: External debt crisis and development	
Friday, 15 October	p.m.	Item 12: Report of the Economic and Social Council (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 12	
Week of 18-22 October			
Monday, 18 October	p.m.	Item 12: General discussion (continued)	
Tuesday, 19 October	a.m.	Item 12: General discussion (concluded)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 91 (Part II) and 104	1 p.m. - Items 91 (Part I) and (j), 92 and 97
	p.m.	Item 91: b/ (Part II) Development and international economic cooperation:	
		(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s	
		(c) Effective mobilization and integration of women in development	

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		(d) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries	
		(g) Human settlements	
		(h) Science and technology for development	
		(i) Entrepreneurship (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		Item 104: Human resources development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Wednesday, 20 October	p.m.	Item 91: (Part II)	
		Item 104: General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 21 October	a.m.	Item 91: (Part II) and Item 104: General discussion (continued)	
Friday, 22 October	a.m.	Item 91: (Part II) and Item 104: General discussion (concluded)	
	p.m.	Informal consultations	
Week of 25-29 October			
Monday, 25 October	a.m.	Item 95: International cooperation for economic growth and development:	
		(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries	
		(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (introductory statements and general discussion)	
	1 p.m.	Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 95 (a) and (b)	1 p.m. - Item 12

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Tuesday, 26 October	a.m.	Item 95 (a) and (b) General discussion (concluded)	
Wednesday, 27 October	____		
Thursday, 28 October	a.m.	Informal consultations	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 106	6 p.m. - Items 91 (Part II) and 104
Friday, 29 October	p.m.	Item 106: Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research	
Week of 1-5 November			
Monday, 1 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	6 p.m. - Item 95 (a) and (b)
Tuesday, 2 November c/	____		
Wednesday, 3 November	____		1 p.m. - Item 106
Thursday, 4 November	a.m.	Item 96: International Conference on Population and Development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 96	
	p.m.	Item 96: International Conference on Population and Development General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 154	
Friday, 5 November	a.m.	Item 154: United Nations interim offices	
	p.m.	Item 94: d/, e/ Operational activities for development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
		6 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 94	

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Week of 8-12 November			
Monday, 8 November	____		1 p.m. - Item 96
Tuesday, 9 November	____		
Wednesday, 10 November	a.m.	Item 94: Operational activities for development d/, e/	
		General discussion (concluded)	
Thursday, 11 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
		General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 91 (Part III)	1 p.m. - Item 154
	p.m.	Item 91: (Part III) Development and international economic cooperation:	
		(a) Trade and development (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Friday, 12 November	a.m.	Item 91: (Part III) (a)	
		General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of the list of speakers on items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41	
Week of 15-19 November			
Monday, 15 November	____		
Tuesday, 16 November	a.m.	Informal consultations	
	p.m.	Item 100: Special programmes of economic assistance b/	6 p.m. - Item 94
		Item 101: International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola b/	
		Item 102: Assistance for the reconstruction and development of El Salvador b/	
		Item 103: International cooperation and assistance to alleviate the consequences of war in Croatia and to facilitate its recovery b/	

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		item 105: Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster b/	
		Item 98: International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction b/	
		Item 41: Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan b/ (introductory statements and general discussion)	
Wednesday, 17 November	a.m.	Items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41	
		General discussion (continued)	
Thursday, 18 November	a.m.	Items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41	
		General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on item 91 (Part IV) and item 99	6 p.m. - Item 91 (Part III)
Friday, 19 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 91: (Part IV) b/ Development and international economic cooperation:	
		(e) Environment	
		(f) Desertification and drought	
		Item 99: b/ Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development:	
		- Report under the general heading of item 99	
		(a) Elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa	
		(b) Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States	

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		(c) Sustainable use and conservation of the marine living resources of the high seas: United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (introductory statements and general discussion)	
			6 p.m. - Items 100, 101, 102, 103, 105, 98 and 41
Week of 22-26 November			
Monday, 22 November	----		
Tuesday, 23 November	a.m. and p.m.	Item 91: (Part IV) (e) and (f)	
		Item 99: (a), (b) and (c)	
		General discussion (concluded)	
		1 p.m. Deadline for closure of list of speakers on items 93 and 91 (Part V)	
Wednesday, 24 November	p.m.	Informal consultations	1 p.m. - Items 91 (Part IV) and 99 (a), (b) and (c)
Thursday, 25 November	Holiday		
Friday, 26 November	a.m.	Item 93: International cooperation for the eradication of poverty in developing countries	
Week of 29 November-3 December			
Monday, 29 November		Informal consultations	
Tuesday, 30 November		Informal consultations	
Wednesday, 1 December		Informal consultations	
Thursday, 2 December		Informal consultations	

Date	Meeting	Item to be considered	Deadline for submission of draft proposals
Friday, 3 December	a.m. and p.m.	Item 91: (Part V) Development and international economic cooperation: Questions to be considered under the general heading of item 91 - Report of the Secretary-General on an agenda for development	1 p.m. - Item 93
Week of 6-10 December		Formal meetings will be scheduled as and when required	
Tuesday, 7 December			1 p.m. - Item 91 (Part V)
Friday, 10 December		CONCLUSION OF THE WORK OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE	

a/ In this segment of its general discussion of item 91 it is proposed that the Second Committee consider also those questions that fall under the general heading of item 91. It is proposed that those discussions be held concurrently with agenda items 92 and 97.

b/ It is proposed that the general discussion of these topics be held concurrently.

c/ The United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities is scheduled to be held on the mornings of 2 and 3 November 1993.

d/ The General Assembly decided that the report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme on the operations, management and budget of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (A/48/279) should be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 94 (Operational activities for development).

e/ It is the understanding of the Committee that delegations wishing to make a joint statement on items 154 and 94 may do so during the discussion of item 94.